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REF: (A) HUMPHREY-SLUTZ LETTER DATED JUNE 19, 1978 (B) STATE 75618

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO HUMPHREY ATTENDING THE US-BULGARIAN CUSTOMS CONFERENCE IN VARNA ON COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST NARCOTICS SMUGGLING SEPTEMBER 11-16 (REF A). S/NM AND US CUSTOMS BELIEVE CONFERENCE WOULD BE USEFUL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USBERLIN OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR NARCOTICS.

2. WE AND CUSTOMS WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE BY THE EMBASSY BERLIN NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IF GDR OFFICIALS IN FACT ATTEND. THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT NEUTRAL GROUND FOR ESTABLISHING CONTACTS AND WORKING LEVEL RELATIONS WITH EAST

GERMANS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND SHOULD BE VALUABLE IN DEVELOPING FUTURE COOPERATION WITH THE GDR IN THIS AREA.

3. IN EITHER CASE THE POST WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR

FUNDING TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR ITS REPRESENTATIVE.

4. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM AND AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE AND A LIST OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF THE LISTED INVITEES HAVE ACCEPTED BUT WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE GDR HAS YET DONE SO. CHRISTOPHER

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